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Coba's Capitol Comments

SB 213, the ACEC sponsored bill to eliminate duty to defend clauses in construction agreements, is scheduled for a public hearing on March 22 at 8:00 A.M. in the Senate Judiciary Committee and a work session on March 25. Yesterday we sent a **Legislative Action Alert** to all ACEC firm reps (the primary contact for each member firm) requesting letters of support be uploaded to the [Judiciary Committee website](#) for the March 22 hearing. Please respond in the timeframe indicated on the action alert (by tomorrow, March 18) to ensure the materials get uploaded by Committee staff prior to the Monday, 8:00 a.m. hearing. [Click here for sample language you can personalize to your firm's experience.](#) *(One letter per firm, please.)*

Earlier this week proponents of the bill met online with **Sen. Floyd Prozanski**, chair of the Judiciary Committee, his key committee staff, and lobbyists for AGC, OCAPA, trial lawyers, local governments and others to discuss the bill. Sen. Prozanski was on the call for 30 minutes and expressed his interest in finding a resolution to the issue of duty to defend clauses and urged us to continue to

**All things related to the legislature
can be found at this website**

(committees, hearing schedules, video,
contact information and
other key information):

[Oregon State Legislature
\(oregonlegislature.gov\)](http://oregonlegislature.gov)

work together. He offered his staff to assist the discussions and we will meet again today, Wednesday, March 17 for further conversations.

We are supporting the -2 amendments which reflect ongoing discussions with a number of interest groups that have voiced concerns and issues with the original language. [Click here for the -2 amendments](#) (3 pages).
(https://www.acecoregon.org/files/SB_213-2_amendment_3-16_21.pdf)

The March 16 Joint Transportation Committee turned into a very interesting meeting featuring some of the major leaders in transportation policy in the metro region commenting on the -5 amendments to **HB 3065** as well as significant transportation issues that were in the major funding package in **HB 2017** from 2017. The -5 amendments were introduced by **Speaker Tina Kotek** and then received comments from **Lynn Peterson, JoAnn Hardesty, Kris Strickler** from ODOT and several others. The -5 amendments make some specific and limited changes to HB 2017 from 2017 but don't suggest major changes from an ACEC perspective. If you are interested in transportation policy in the Portland region this is a good 90 minutes for you to watch by clicking on the link below. [Oregon Legislative Video \(oregonlegislature.gov\)](#)

The original bill and the -5 amendments which would totally replace the original bill can be found here:
[Transportation Joint 2021 Regular Session - Oregon Legislative Information System \(oregonlegislature.gov\)](#)

WHEN
8:30 to 9:30 A.M.

Click [HERE](#) for more information
and to register.

PRESENTER



**Larry Van Dyke, CPA,
Certified Global Management
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Financial Management for A/E Firms: The Basics – April 14

In this webinar you'll learn:

- Why Financial Acumen Matters, and How to Develop It
- The Key Drivers of Profitability, and How to Influence Them
 - Utilization
 - Productive multiplier
 - Overhead rate
- Managing the Firm's Financial Position
 - How to read a balance sheet
 - Key steps to protect your firm



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Teams meeting login credentials are included with the event registration confirmation.

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PRESENTERS



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Project Risk Analysis for Project Managers – April 28

Are you able to answer the following questions for each of your firm's projects?

- What are your project risks?
- Who is responsible for those risks?
- What are the warning indicators?
- What is the likelihood that an event will occur?
- What is the potential magnitude for each risk?
- What are the key assumptions that drive the risk event?
- What is the best strategy for managing the risk?



This program is designed to present a process to help firms recognize, document, and mitigate project risk in eight steps. The purpose of risk analysis is to identify the cause, effect, and magnitude of the perceived risk and to develop and ultimately mitigate the uncertainty of the risk without any significant impact on the project objectives.

Who is this program for?

- Firms that want to train their employees on the importance and use of project risk management
- Firms that want tools and templates to develop their risk management process

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- [International Women's Day Feature:](#)
[A Conversation with Linda Bauer Darr, Robin Greenleaf and Beth Bauer](#)

UPCOMING

- April 15 – [SW WA Public Agency Liaison Committee Meeting & Panel Discussion](#) – Co-hosted by ACEC and WTS
- May 11 – [ACEC Oregon/USACE Liaison Committee meeting/presentation](#)
- May 20 – Annual Business Meeting with committee reports
- June 9 & 10 – ACEC / ODOT Partnering Conference (1:00 to 4:30 P.M. each day)
- June 16 – [Networking Day golf tournament](#)

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